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1. The Hungarian Workers' Party had about 1,000,000 members but, in my estimation, only about 10,000 of this number were considered absolutely reliable by the Party.
2. The highest organ of the Hungarian Workers' Party was the Party Congress, which met every two years or, if necessary, at shorter intervals. The Party Congress elected the Party Central Committee, the Party Control Committee, and the Party Executive Committee.
3. In Hungary the Party had regional and town organizations. Subordinate to a regional Party organization were all Party organizations within that region, but all Party organizations within a town's territory were subordinate to the town's Party organization.
4. The Greater Budapest Party Organization included all Party organizations within the Greater Budapest territory. The city Party organizations in Szeged, Miskolc, and Debrecen followed the same pattern. At the head of the Budapest City organization was the Greater Budapest Party Committee, and subordinate to this Committee were City District (Keruelet) Committees, with the smallest unit known as the Area (Koezret) Committee. The Greater Budapest Party Committee (also the City Party Committees of Szeged, Miskolc and Debrecen) and the County Party Committees (see Paragraph 6, below) sent delegates to the Party Congress upon the instruction of the Central Committee.
5. The City District Party Committees (Kerueleti Partbizottságok) directed all Party Committees in enterprises and institutions and all the Area Party Committees within the district.

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Communist Party Organization in the Foundries and Machine Industries Ministry. The smallest Party unit in an enterprise, office, or institution, was the Basic Organ, with membership not exceeding 150 persons. The Party Basic Organ was subdivided into groups, each of which generally consisted of 10 members. Every enterprise which had 8 - 10 Basic Organs had a Committee within the Enterprise to direct Party activities, which was, in turn, directed by the District Party Committee of the city district in which the enterprise was located.

6. In the countryside the District Party Committees directed the village and hamlet basic organs (Jarasi Partbizottsag), and the County Party Committee (Megyei Partbizottsag) directed the District Party Committees.
7. Key personalities in the Hungarian Workers' Party included:
 - a. Matyas RAKOSI, Chief Secretary, Deputy President of Hungary
 - b. Ernoe GEROE, Deputy Chief Secretary, State Minister
 - c. Members of the Central Committee, Central Control Committee, and Executive Committee included:
 - (1) Jozsef REVAI, Education Minister
 - (2) Mihaly FARKAS, Defense Minister
 - (3) Piroska FARKAS¹, Secretary of the Presidential Council
 - (4) (Fnu) SOMOGYI, Chief Director of the Ozd Metallurgical Works
 - (5) Zoltan VAS, Chairman of the State Planning Office
 - (6) Sandor RONAI, Chairman of the Presidential Council
8. Duties of a Party member included:
 - a. Regular payment of Party membership dues in advance.
 - b. Participation in the Party work of some Basic Organ.
 - c. Regular attendance at Party meetings.
 - d. Acquiring knowledge of Party ideology and constant self-improvement.
 - e. Subjection to the Party's iron discipline.

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1. Comment: Source presumably is referring to Piroska SZABÓ.

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